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Mr. Ren Smith  
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**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2017-008475, Final Release**

Dear Mr. Smith:

**1. SUMMARY OF REQUEST**

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, identified above, dated June 15, 2017 and your appeal EPA-HQ-2017-010708 requesting all reports, evaluations, test results, proposed testing, and related materials regarding water supplies and usage in Wilmington, North Carolina, created since January 1, 2016. Your appeal was reviewed by the EPA's Office of General Counsel and remanded to the Office of Research and Development for response.

**2. DISPOSITION**

Partial Denial/Partial Grant

**3. DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS**

Six hundred eighty records have been found considered responsive to your request. Three-hundred ninety-six of the PDF records are being released in full. Two-hundred forty-nine records are being released with redactions pursuant to Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) (CBI), Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) (Deliberative) and Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (Personal Privacy). These released records are available in FOIAonline under the FOIA Request number. The remaining thirty-five records are being withheld in entirety pursuant to Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) (CBI) and Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) (Deliberative).

**4. COST INFORMATION**

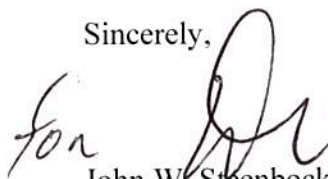
There are no costs to you associated with this request.

**5. APPEAL RIGHTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

This release constitutes the Agency's final response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov), or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Ms. Rebecca Clausen, ORD National FOIA Officer, at [clausen.rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:clausen.rebecca@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Steenbock". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and a cursive "W".

John W. Steenbock  
Director  
Office of Resource Management